

Parent Testimonials

"We feel so lucky to have found Sun & Stars for our daughter. From the very first day, we were welcomed not only by the wonderful teachers but also by an incredible parent community that made us feel right at home as newcomers to town.

The teachers at Sun & Stars are truly special—some have been there for decades, and their love and experience shine through in everything they do. Our daughter can be shy in new environments, but she quickly felt safe, happy, and connected thanks to the warmth and care of her teachers and classmates. She talks about her school friends constantly and always comes home excited to share what she's learned.

The small class sizes (1:6 in the younger room and 1:8 in the older room) mean every child gets so much individual attention. The kids are always engaged—whether they're doing creative art projects, reading, learning something new, or playing outside. We've seen so much growth in our daughter, both socially and developmentally.

We're especially excited about the new 18-month program starting this summer—it's a testament to how thoughtfully the school is growing to meet families' needs.

Sun & Stars is truly a gem, and we're so grateful to be part of this loving, joyful community."
-Angela Ritter

"We enrolled our daughter at Sun and Stars right when she turned two years old. It was the best decision. We absolutely loved that school and she completely blossomed there. The teachers are kind and attentive and seemed to deeply cherish her. They also identified her specific needs and made sure they were met. She was nurtured both academically and socially. Can't recommend this place highly enough."
-Kelli White

"We feel incredibly fortunate to have found Sun and Stars for our son. From the very first day, it was clear that this is more than just a preschool—it's a loving, nurturing community where children are truly seen, heard, and celebrated for who they are.

The teachers and aides are extraordinary—kind, patient, and genuinely invested in each child's growth. They strike a beautiful balance between structured learning and joyful exploration, helping our son grow socially, emotionally, and intellectually. We've watched him blossom into a more confident, curious, and compassionate little person, and we know so much of that is thanks to the care and support he receives at school each day. Beyond the nurturing environment, he's also learning so much! He regularly shares what he's discovered at school, and we're constantly amazed by how much he absorbs and enjoys the learning process.

Communication with families is thoughtful and consistent, and the atmosphere is always warm, inclusive, and deeply enriching. We're continually impressed by the creativity of the curriculum and the genuine joy our son expresses when he talks about his day.

What has also meant a great deal to us is the sense of community among the families. As newcomers to the area, we were welcomed with open arms —into playdates, gatherings, and friendships that made our transition to a new town so much easier and more joyful. Choosing Sun and Stars has been one of the best decisions we've made as parents. It gives us such peace of mind knowing our child is in a safe, loving, and inspiring place each day. We are truly grateful to be part of this wonderful community."

*With heartfelt thanks,
Andrea Minoo*

"We couldn't be happier with our experience at Sun & Stars for our two children! From the moment we walked in, we felt welcomed, supported, and confident that our kids were in great hands. The teachers are incredibly caring, patient, and truly passionate. They go above and beyond to create a nurturing, safe and fun learning environment.

We're so grateful to have found such a wonderful preschool. We highly recommend it to any parent looking for a loving and enriching experience for their kids."
-Lauren Banes

"Sun and Stars Montessori ha sido su primer comunidad de mi hijo que inicio en la clase de estrellas a los 2.5 años, ahora tiene 4 y lo he visto desarrollar de una manera increíble. La directora y maestras realmente tienen una vocacion y pasion para apoyar y educar a los niño/as con una vision verdaderamente Montessori. Aprecio mucho todo lo que yo aprendi sobre como dejar a mi hijo aprender a traves de la experiencia y como confiar en sus capacidades como ser independiente. Amo esta escuela y todo el apoyo que le dio a mi hijo y a mi en mi proceso como mama."
-Alejandra Olguien

We feel so lucky to have sent all three of our kids to Sun & Stars Montessori. The teachers and staff are the heart of this place. They truly love the kids like their own, and it shows. Our children felt safe, happy, and seen every day, and they absolutely thrived.

Our home is constantly filled with stories, songs, and all the things they've learned at school. Sun & Stars feels more like a family than a school, and we couldn't have asked for a better start to our kids' education!
-Jenny Cooney

Sun and Stars Montessori has made such a positive difference in our son's life! Since starting, he has grown so much—especially in his speech. We've seen amazing progress in how he expresses himself and communicates with others, and we're so thankful for the support he's received.

The teachers are incredible—so patient, caring, and truly dedicated to each child. They create a safe, nurturing, and fun environment where kids can thrive.

We couldn't be happier with our experience at Sun and Stars Montessori. It's a wonderful place for children to learn, grow, and feel supported.

-Flor Madrigal

"Los maestros son muy buenos con los niños gracias directora tammy."

-Dilia Calderon

"During each of our children's 3 years at Sun and Stars we observed them develop from toddlers into independent, confident little people with a love of learning and happy, positive attitudes.

We could not have asked for a better foundation and extension of our home where our children felt loved and respected."

-Parent

"Sun and Stars is a loving, kind, creative school for young children to develop basic life skills and an enjoyment of learning. Our daughter has really found a positive ability to express/explore her interests and gain independence."

-Parent

"Both of my children have attended Sun and Stars Montessori School and we couldn't be happier with the school. It offers the perfect balance between creativity and academics, all while fostering curiosity and independent thinking. Most of the staff have been there for many years which creates a consistent, professional environment and a place where children feel safe and secure. Preschool is the first step in a child's education and we are grateful to Sun and Stars for starting our children off on the path to success."

-Parent

"Our family couldn't be more pleased with Sun and Stars Montessori School for our daughter's Kindergarten year. She is offered interesting and challenging activities unique to the Montessori Method and works at her own pace. The classroom materials are kept new and fresh – changing frequently. Our daughter is exposed to Spanish, art and music. One of the things we love about the school is the individual attention and instruction she receives. The teachers and staff provide positive caring guidance. Our daughter looks forward to attending Sun and Stars Montessori School every morning. We commute from outside St. Helena – and we believe it is worth the drive."

-Parent

"With sunshine streaming through the windows, I watch as children move about the classroom with confidence and curiosity. The room is bright, clean, and organized with warm, gentle teachers leading the way. Sun and Stars Montessori lays the foundation for wonderful students and good citizens."

-Parent

"Our son loves school so much he can't get enough of it. He either cries when he has to leave school or when he doesn't have school he says "Let's go to school!"

-Parent

"Both of our children have truly loved their time at Sun and Stars! They are more confident about themselves, are inquirers and have tremendous respect for other people, animals, the environment and the world! They (we) owe a good amount of that to the teachers and curriculum that you have developed."

-Parent